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Peripheral neuropathy

Synonym(s)

- **peripheral** nervous system disease or syndrome

Definition(s)

A problem in **peripheral** nerve function (any part of the nervous system except the brain and spinal cord) that causes pain, numbness, tingling, swelling, and muscle weakness in various parts of the body. Neuropathies may be caused by physical injury, infection, toxic substances, disease (e.g., cancer, diabetes, kidney failure, or malnutrition), or drugs such as anticancer drugs.

Definition from: [Unified Medical Language System](#) ⇨ (Physician Data Query) at the National Library of Medicine

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